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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2826
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64096

Yoshihiro NAKAJIMA, et al.

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Examiner: Pershelle L. GREENE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 21-27 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner rejects under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) claims 1-3, 7, 13-15 and 23-25 as being unpatentable over Williams et al. (Williams) and Seki et al. (Seki), and claims 8-10 as being unpatentable over Williams, Seki and Kuraishi et al. (Kuraishi).

The Examiner indicates that claims 4, 12 and 17 are allowed, and that claims 5, 6, 11, 16, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

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